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*Supplement for
AOR 1999-26*

Re: Advisory Opinion Request regarding the status of the Virginia Taxpayers Party as a State Committee of a Political Party; Supplemental Information

Dear Mr. Marinelli:

This will confirm recent telephone communications between you and our office regarding the fact that on September 3, 1999, the U.S. Taxpayers Party changed its name to the Constitution Party, and that the Virginia Taxpayers Party remains the exclusive Virginia State affiliate of that political party.

The National Committee of the U.S. Taxpayers Party has become, through a change in name only, the Constitution Party National Committee. The status of the Virginia Taxpayers Party, as the exclusive Virginia State Committee of the party — now known as the Constitution Party instead of the U.S. Taxpayers Party — remains unchanged.

In discussions between our offices, it was determined that confirmation of the above facts by this letter should be sufficient for the Commission's purposes, in light of the fact that only a name change has taken place. Again, aside from the change in name whereby the U.S. Taxpayers Party has become the Constitution Party, the facts set forth in our Advisory Opinion Request of August 18, 1999, as supplemented by our letter dated September 1, 1999, remain unchanged. We would therefore repeat our request that the Federal Election Commission act favorably on our Advisory Opinion Request at its earliest opportunity. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours.

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